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GROWTH RATE IN ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate in enrolment of students has shown negative trend in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total amount spent so far under District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in various districts of Tamil Nadu, district-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to reduce drop out rate in the State and improve the growth rate in enrolment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Decline of the child population in the target group and the increase in the share of private unaided schools in the enrolment are the major reasons for the reported decline in enrolment in the State.

(c) Under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) an amount of Rs.185.47 crore has been spent upto 30.9.2001. The district-wise break-up (Rs. in crore) is: Dharmapuri − Rs. 42.00; Thiruvannamalai − Rs.31.32; South Arcot (Cuddalore & Villupuram) − Rs.54.40; Perambalur − Rs.14.28; Pudukkottai − Rs.16.81; Ramanathapuram − Rs.13.77 and State Component Plan − Rs.12.89.

(d) The State have initiated multi-pronged strategies to reduce drop out rate and to increase enrolment. This includes i) improving quality of education and school facilities; ii) mobilizing community for improving enrolment and retention; iii) setting up new schools and alternative schools and iv) providing incentives in terms of free noon meal, free supply of textbooks, uniforms, slates etc. to children.